

# Research Data Alliance

## RDA Council Overview

# Role of RDA Council

- Receives and decides on Plenary recommendations
- Approves new Working Groups
- Approves WG products upon demonstration of rough consensus and tangible outcomes
- Approves new RDA organizations
- Sets strategic directions for RDA

The Council is the decision-making body  
of the Research Data Alliance

# Council Members

- Will be “statespersons” committed to enabling the sharing of broad and robust international scientific and research data infrastructures
- Will not have special interests or promote specific disciplines, domains or entities
- Will support and reflect the vision of RDA and its members
- Council will have 9 members
- The RDA Council will be ratified by the organizational members

# Initial Council

- RDA will be consumed by addressing a myriad of organizational and start-up issues over the next 12 to 18 months and it is essential to establish an Initial Council to provide direction, leadership and continuity.
- The Funder's Group has been providing some of this leadership to date, but they can not continue to fulfill that role in the future
- Thus, an RDA Initial Council will appointed by Funder's Group and will be announced by Oct 15, 2012
- Initial Council will consist of 5 members and over a 2-year period will be expanded to 9 and will transition to steady state thereafter.

Questions, Comments?